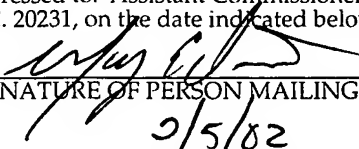




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3,927,675	Device for Fragmenting Urinary Calculus	12-23-1975
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4,721,107	Instrument for Ultrasonic Lithotripsy	01-26-1988
4,750,488	Vibration Apparatus Preferably for Endoscopic Ultrasonic Aspirator	06-14-1988
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5,269,291	Miniature Ultrasonic Transducer for Plaque Ablation	12-14-1993
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